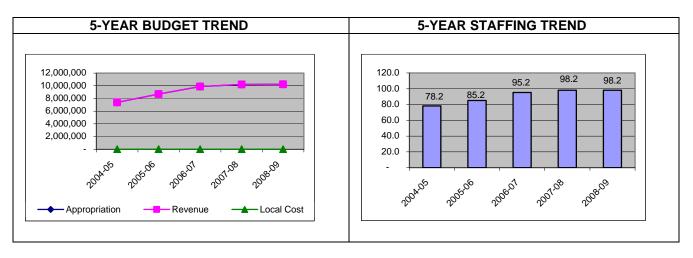
# **Building and Safety**

# **DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES**

The Building and Safety Division administers construction and occupancy standards to safeguard life, health, and property in the interest of the general public's welfare throughout the unincorporated areas of the county. This is accomplished by applying county ordinances and state laws, and through the inspection of construction, alteration, moving, demolition, repair, occupancy, and use of buildings and structures.

#### **BUDGET HISTORY**



## PERFORMANCE HISTORY

			2007-08			
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	Modified	2007-08	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Estimate	
Appropriation	7,074,539	7,840,181	8,734,641	10,218,677	9,494,283	
Departmental Revenue	7,164,978	7,506,953	8,734,281	10,218,677	9,494,283	
Local Cost	(90,439)	333,228	360	-	-	
Budgeted Staffing				98.2		

Estimated appropriation in 2007-08 is less than the modified budget due to vacant positions and a decreased need for professional services. The vacancies are a result of the retirement of long-term employees as well as recruitment and retention issues. Professional services have decreased because of a reduction in plan review requests. All of these savings are reflected in reduced permit revenues.



**FUNCTION: Public Protection** 

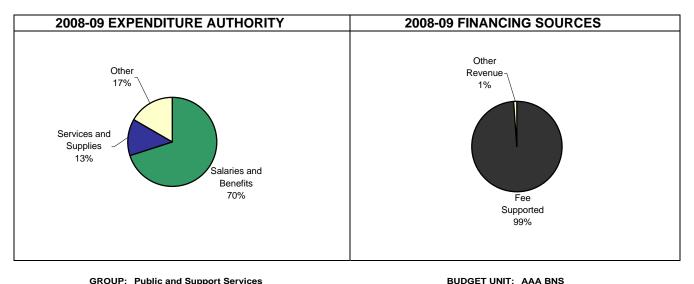
**ACTIVITY: Other Protection** 

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## **ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED BUDGET**

**Budgeted Staffing** 



GROUP: Public and Support Services

DEPARTMENT: Land Use Services - Building & Safety

FUND: General

Change From 2007-08 2007-08 2008-09 2004-05 2005-06 2006-07 2007-08 Final Proposed Final Actual Actual Actual **Estimate** Budget Budget Budget **Appropriation** 7.145.936 Salaries and Benefits 4.728.275 5.599.797 6.039.289 6.421.542 7.165.179 19,243 Services and Supplies 1.121.413 1,175,771 1,205,251 1.470.566 1.440.566 1,114,003 (326,563) Central Computer 50,064 56,241 69,656 95,032 95,032 169,769 74.737 Travel 92,500 92,500 Vehicles 75,016 (1,500)158,678 Transfers 1,099,771 1,010,351 1,265,370 1,537,143 1,537,143 1,702,955 165,812 Total Exp Authority 7,074,539 7,840,660 8,738,244 9,524,283 10,218,677 10,244,406 25,729 (30,000) Reimbursements (479)(3,603)10.218.677 10.244.406 Total Appropriation 7,074,539 7,840,181 8,734,641 9,494,283 25,729 **Departmental Revenue** Licenses and Permits 6.894.319 7,336,799 8,530,860 9,194,283 9.918.677 9,944,406 25.729 State. Fed or Gov't Aid 5.444 730 689 **Current Services** 176,929 21,681 113,325 199,311 200,000 200,000 Other Revenue 88,286 147,743 90,096 100,000 100,000 100,000 Total Revenue 7,164,978 7,506,953 8,734,281 9,494,283 10,218,677 10,244,406 25,729 Local Cost (90,439)333,228 360

Salaries and benefits of \$7,165,179 fund 98.2 budgeted positions. The increase of \$19,243 reflects annual step and benefit rate adjustments.

Services and supplies are decreased by \$326,563 because of a reduction in COWCAP and professional services charges, and the reclassification of travel and related costs.

Travel is a new appropriation unit for 2008-09. The amount budgeted of \$92,500 reflects anticipated travel costs for training (\$15,000) resulting from the adoption of the International Building Codes in January 2008, training materials (\$25,000), seminars (\$20,000), memberships (\$7,500), and private mileage (\$25,000). These costs were based on departmental analysis of past travel related expenses previously budgeted in the services and supplies appropriation unit.

Transfers of \$1,702,955 are increased by \$165,812 due primarily to the reallocation of departmental administrative costs paid by the various operational budgets to the Land Use Services Administration budget unit.



Permits, current services, and other revenues totaling \$10,244,406 are increased by a total of \$25,729 based on the expected demand for services and will fully offset projected expenditures.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES								
Description of Performance Measure	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Projected	2007-08 Estimated	2008-09 Projected				
Decrease the processing time for plan review services to the adopted service standards.	90%	95%	95%	98%				

The increase in the number of plan reviews completed within proposed timeframes has reached its target of 95%. This is a result of several measures, which included sending plans to consultants for review, hiring an additional plans examiner, the hiring of additional building-inspection field staff who relieved the plans examiners of the responsibility of providing backup inspections in the field, and utilization of building inspectors usually assigned to the field to perform simple plan reviews.

